

90-day extension of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The HHS Secretary's 90-day extension of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will be effective October 23rd and will expire on January 23, 2021. The Section 1135 waiver will continue to be in effect through the January 23, 2021 expiration date. The attached document summarizes the following five provisions of Florida's 1135 request:

- Provider participation
- Waiver of service prior service requirements
- Waiver for pre-admission screening and annual resident review (PASRR) levels I and II for 30 days
- Waiver to allow evacuating facilities to provide services in alternative settings, such as a temporary shelter when a provider's facility is inaccessible
- State fair hearing requests and appeal deadlines

The HHS Secretary's 90-day extension does not affect the Appendix K expiration date. The Appendix K is a temporary request for waiver flexibilities and usually does not exceed a 12-month period. The effective dates for Florida's COVID-19 Appendix K is January 27, 2020 through January 26, 2021. If the State of Florida wants to modify the effective dates/time span for the use of the appendix, AHCA can transmit a revised K-1 through the CMS Regional Office SPA/Waiver Mailbox.